MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION): (a) and (b) A Committee headed by the Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation was constituted to inspect the facilities and systems followed by Vayudoot Limited, for maintenance of their Dornier aircraft and Garrett engines and to make suitable recommendations. The Committee examined in depth the various maintenance bases and made 34 recommendations for implementation.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

Improvement of Runway at Gannavaram Airport in Andhra Pradesh

691. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the capacity of Gannavaram Airport in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that by the construction of new runway hundreds of farmers would be affected; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of expansion plan are as follows:—

(i) Strengthening and extension of the existing runway to 7500' for B-737/AB-320 operations.

(ii) Widening and strengthening of taxi-track and apron,

(iii) Modification and construction of terminal building etc.,

(iv) Provision of night landing facilities.

(c) and (d) The requisite land was acquired and handed over by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Promotional Avenues of Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists working in Hospitals in New Delhi

692. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Senior Physiotherapists, Senior Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists who are at present working in the Safdarjung, Ram Manohar Lohia and Kalawati Saran Hospital at New Delhi;

(b) since when each of them is holding his post; and

(c) what are their promotional prospects and what steps Government propose to take for their promotion in the next grade on the principle of 3 promotions during the service period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The reply is given in the Annexed Statement.

(c) Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists are eligible for promotions to the posts of Senior Physiotherapists/Senior Occupational Therapists respectively, as per recruitment rules for the posts pertaining to the hospitals concerned. The Government has not accepted the principle of 3 promotions during the service period.

Statement

Sanctioned strength of Sr. Physiotherapists and Sr. Occuptional Therapists in Safdarjung, Kalavati Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

S.No.	Category of post	Sanctioned strength	Dates from which each person holding the post
	Safdarjung Hospital		
1	Sr. Physiotherapist	*4	23-7-75, 25-2-76 30-5-85.
2	Sr. Occupational Therapist	3	20-5-72 and 28-3-76.
3	Physiotherapists	19	The earliest appointee is holding the post from 12-9-68.
4	Occupational Therapists	9	The earliest appointee is holding the post from 7-12-67.
	Kalavati Saran Hospital		
1	Sr. Physiotherapist	1	15-6-77.
2	Sr. Occupational Therapist	1	15-6-77.
3	Physiotherapist	5	The earliest appointee is holding the post from 1-7-59.
4	Occupational Therapist	2	The earliest appointee is from 10-7-73.
	Dr. R. M. L. Hospital		
1	Sr. Physiotherapist	1	Since 1968.
2	Physiotherapist	3	The earliest appointee is from 1977.
3	Occupational Therapist	1	The earliest appointee is from 1983.

*One post newly created lying vacant.

693. [*Transferred to the 16th May, 1990.*]

Chukha Hydel Project, Bhutan

694. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chukha Hydel Project, a joint venture of India and Royal Government of Bhutan, has been completed;

(b) whether any workers from India were recruited for this project;

(c) whether these workers have been declared surplus and rendered unemployed; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to provide employment to these workers?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Chukha Hydel Project in Bhutan, which is a project of the Royal Government of Bhutan being executed with Indian financial and technical assistance, had been commissioned in October, 1988. There are some related works, like transmission lines, which are nearing completion.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) On completion of the major works of the project, some of the workers have been declared surplus. The Project Authorities have approached various Organisations, including those of the Government of India, for exploring possibilities of absorption of these surplus workers, and as a result, some of these workers have already been provided alternative employment.

Prices of Cement in Eastern States

695. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item published in 'Business Standard' of the 29th April, 1990 captioned 'Cement price freeze till end of May';